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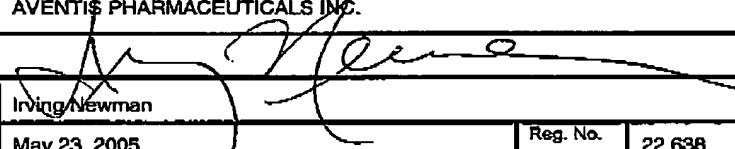
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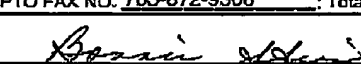
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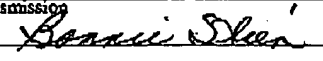
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This is in response to the final Office Action dated February 22, 2005, having a response due by May 23, 2005. The Examiner's indication that claims 1-15 are allowed is noted with appreciation. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 16 and 18 - 23 set forth in the action be reconsidered and withdrawn in light of the following remarks.